Briefing Minutes: Coutts Border Protests

Date & Time

2022-02-15 @ 0804hrs

Present:

See the attendance sheet

UNIT/NAME/AGENCY	UPDATES/NOTES	DD/FOLLOW UP
RCMP SILVER	•	
C/SUPT. T. DAROUX	• In the final stages and hopefully get this done after today; • Any sense that the main group has CP10 under their control? Does not believe so but there has been communication.	
INSP. L. MacMILLAN	•	
INSP. LEE BRACHMANN	• Vehicle tow is ready to start moving vehicles if needed and are staging here; • Other teams in Lethbridge are ready to deploy; • Good to go.	
RCMP BRONZE	•	
CBSA	• Waiting until 9am to make sure things clear out and the go ahead to lift the temp suspension and they should be up and running; • Thanked the membership for their hard work and really proud of the work and national police service.	
s.38 [redacted]		

CCMG	• In short from last night, protestor agreed to leave after dinner/breakgfast this morning; • Have had discussions with them and counsel, leave as a group and not protest anywhere else; • Leave out Hwy4 north and not block traffic in a convoy and leave that way after the cameras are rolling so they can just go; • Mood is packed up in the saloon and most food is gone. Sites are cleaned up and hooking up trailers and trailers. Tractors fired up; • Nothing at this point to suggest they aren't' going; • Lawyer is in contact with them buy is doing bail hearings all morning; • No indication that there is any other plans to stay. Giving away food and donating it; • Has the sense that there is a separation frim the group at CP10 but don't want to associate to them; • Are ready to go and should be packed up and moving by 0900hrs. Have started packing up but will be slow moving down the hwy but want to keep it tight in a convoy but won't be blocking traffic; • By the time they hit Lethbridge they will each go their own way.	
CIP	• CCMG has a good plan, STO is coming into town. CP10 are watching the number of police vehicles coming in; • Slow roll out of site up to CP10, wants CCMG to start breaking the convoy down at CP10 and then make room for STO to come in. Needs to be patient given how entrenched the infrastructure is at that location; • CPS is on board to help "soften" up the protestors. Trying to keep the assets covert for now. Wants to see how CP10 is for now; • Wants to move the vehicles in the CBSA lot that were seized by RCMP;	

	• Slow roll from CPS after CCMG; • Ready to produce ID when the trucks leave. Have been directed to have their licenses ready as they will be asked; • Can bring CP3 down to scales to assist; • Talked with LRPS and will liaise to monitor trucks as they roll in;	
CSET	• Talked to one of the contacts at CP10, general take is that everyone plans on leaving. Some might go somewhere else but feels like everyone is going to move along; • Will facilitate with the GD members to get folks to move along.	
GIS/MCU	• Can have folks in Coaldale if GD needs a hand with charges if required; • Wants to have some of their members to assist in identifying truckers as the leave; • Want all drivers identified if they were driving the tractors; • Interviews went really god. Lots of ownership on firearms and presence on site; s.37 [redacted] • The owner of the semi truck will be coming down to Coutts to pick up the seized unit but want to do an interview first; • Identified the driver of the tractor that ran towards the police, will arrest once Coutts is clear; • Has lots of resources.	
DCAS	• Not much this morning; • PB&J broadcast included their final broadcast from the blockade including the decisions to leave. Indication is that they are done here but not totally done.	

GD	• CP10, 4 semi's, 2 farm tractors, 46 RV's, 75 passenger vehicles; • Switched up how they were holding the saloo, but no numbers for that area now; • Has a GD compliment ready to go for transport if needed. Waiting for the green light once STO gets going. Use Sheriff vans to transport if needed, will be here at 0900hrs; • Suspects maybe a handful given their behaviour but don't expect much; • Has directed GD members that they are reactionary for now but will look at charges after bringin to Coaldale and release docs if needed; • Has members doing soft checks at CP3.	
SHERIFFS	• 10 members on today, 1 each to Del Bonita and Caraway and have asked for more; • Sent 2 members to the covert location for tow security compound; • No enforcement if people are leaving; • Asked to do enforcement at CP10 and CP14 to supplement GD and do enforcement if required.	
IBET	• CP5 27 vehicles and 5 RV's. A lot walking in and going to Saloon; • Just holding the semi for the SW at some point today and maintaining security.	
MEDIA	• Media scrum had lots of interest and feedback. Nationally they are happy for what was said; • Appreciates the news on the Coutts release; • Media is inundated with requests, will hold off for now. Want really positive news.	
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End @ 0833hrs